

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL AND MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION BY CIL  
DUKHA BHAGAT

**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) undertake large scale plantation in order to improve environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the percentage of eucaliptus trees planted for improving environment in the coal mining areas is higher whereas the fruit bearing trees are ignored;
- (d) if so, whether the Government are aware of the fact that the scientists including Botanical scientists have concluded that eucaliptus trees are causing diseases to mankind; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR COAL AND MINES(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Details of plantation undertaken by Coal India Limited (CIL)/its subsidiaries during the last three years are as under:-

| Year    | Plantation (in lakh) |
|---------|----------------------|
| 1999-00 | 32.79                |
| 2000-01 | 39.32                |
| 2001-02 | 22.40                |

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): This is yet to be proved conclusively. However, plantation of eucalyptus trees is presently on hold.